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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT, COMMITTEE 3, JULY 18

1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE 3'S FIRST DAY OF DEBATE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
FEATURED 11 SPEAKERS. SEVEN LDCS MADE GENERALLY HARDLINE STATEMENTS

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CHARACTERIZED BY NEED TO PROTECT NATIONAL SECURITY WITH REFERENCE TO

MILITARY ACTIVITIES, NEED FOR REGULATION OF SCIENCE IN AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION, AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM DCS TO LDCS. SRI LANKA, ALTHOUGH CALLING FOR COASTAL STATE CONSENT, MADE GENERALLY POSITIVE STATEMENT DWELLING AT SOME LENGTH ON NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. FRANCE AND DENMARK MADE STATEMENTS ENDORSING THE PRESENT 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION APPROACH, AND THE GDR GAVE A SHORT STATEMENT LIMITED TO THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES ON THE HIGH SEAS. END SUMMARY

2. MADAGASCAR: STATING THAT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WAS SUBJECTIVE IN NATURE AND LIMITED TO ACTIVITIES DESIGNED FOR THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES OR MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY ACTIVITIES, MADAGASCAR CALLED FOR COASTAL STATE CONSENT IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION. IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA THEY STATED THAT THE AUTHORITY

SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON ITS OWN AND THAT ALL OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES SHOULD COME UNDER ITS CONTROL. THEY ALSO STATED THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AND SUPPORTED THE GROUP OF 77 NAIROBI DECLARATION ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

3. SUDAN: STATING THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ATTEMPT AT A DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL, MILITARY, OR ACADEMIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SUDAN STATED THAT ALL RESEARCH WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE, AND CALLED FOR OBLIGATIONS ON THE RESEARCHER SUCH AS PARTICIPATION, DATA SHARING, ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING THE RESULTS AND ADHERENCE TO POLLUTION STANDARDS, IN ADDITION, HE STATED ALL DATA COLLECTED WAS THE PROPERTY OF THE COASTAL STATE AND COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT. BEYOND THE ECONOMIC ZONE, SUDAN STATED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING RESOURCES WAS THE COMMON HERITAGE OF ALL MANKIND, AND THEREFORE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA SHOULD BE REGULATED BY THE AUTHORITY WITH ALL DATA BEING TURNED OVER TO THAT ORGANIZATION.

4. BRAZIL: BRAZIL MADE A STATEMENT IN WHICH THEY CALLED FOR COASTAL STATE CONSENT IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND GENERALLY ENDORSING THEIR PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ARTICLES. IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA, THEY STATED THAT ALL RESEARCH SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO INTERNATIONAL RULES AND THAT THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH WERE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND. CONCERNING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, THEY STATED IT MUST BE DONE

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IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE THAT LDCS ARE NO LONGER DEPENDENT ON INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.

5. BURMA: THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BURMA MADE AN EXTREMELY HARDLINE SPEECH STATING THAT AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE WAS PRIOR CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE. HE ADDITIONALLY STATED THAT THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH WERE THE PROPERTY OF THE COASTAL STATE AND THAT PUBLICATION WAS ALSO

SUBJECT TO COASTAL STATE CONSENT. HE CALLED FOR A CONCRETE SET OF PROVISIONS REGARDING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TREATY RATHER THAN MERELY A SET OF PRINCIPLES.

6. COLOMBIA: IN A GENERALLY EMOTIONAL AND SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED STATEMENT, COLOMBIA DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON THE NECESSITY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN ORDER TO QUOTE BREAK THE MONOPOLY OF THE FEW UNQUOTE AND RAISE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF LIVING IN THE LDCS. THEY CALLED FOR COASTAL STATE CONSENT FOR RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ISRA TO REGULATE ALL RESEARCH BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

7. CAMEROON: SPEAKING OF THE NECESSITY FOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO ABANDON THEIR DOGMATIC APPROACH, THE CAMEROONS CALLED FOR REGULATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SO AS TO BENEFIT ALL OF MANKIND. LIKE OTHER LDC SPEAKERS, THEY CITED THE NEED FOR CONSENT IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE BUT IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA WHERE GENERALLY MODERATE IN TONE STATING ONLY THAT RESEARCH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

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AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATELY AGREED RULES AND REGULATIONS.
ON THE SUBJECT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, THEY STATED THAT A MASSIVE
EFFORT WAS NECESSARY AND CALLED FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE
.05 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP AND 10 PERCENT OF THEIR RESEARCH PROJECTS
ANNUALLY TO THIS EFFORT.

8. GUYANA: IN A SHORT SUCCINCT STATEMENT, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
GUYANA STATED THAT THE COASTAL STATE HAD THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO
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CONTROL RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS WITHOUT COASTAL STATE CONSENT. HE ALSO
CITED MILITARY ESPIONAGE AS A REASON FOR COASTAL STATE CONSENT AND
CALLED FOR REGULATION BY ISRA OF ALL RESEARCH IN THE INTERNATIONAL
AREA.

9. SRI LANKA: IN A WELL-REASONED AND GENERALLY POSITIVE STATEMENT,
SRI LANKA ELABORATED ON THE OBLIGATIONS TO WHICH A RESEARCHER SHOULD
ADHERE IN CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE, CONCLUDING BY
CITING THE NEED FOR COASTAL STATE CONSENT. WITH REGARD TO THE
INTERNATIONAL AREA, HE IMPLIED THAT SOME INTERNATIONALLY AGREED
REGULATION NECESSARY, BUT STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR DATA TURNOVER
TO THE AUTHORITY. HE OFFERED A DEFINITION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AS THAT WHICH PRODUCED DATA OF COMMERCIAL VALUE. DWELLING AT SOME
LENGTH ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, SRI LANKA PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF FAO
AND UNESCO IN THIS REGARD AND REQUESTED THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT
EXPEDITE THE STUDY ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PRESENTLY UNDERWAY. HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THE PROBLEM OF TURNOVER OF PATENTED TECHNOLOGY AND
STATED THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE WHICH THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ADDRESS.

10. FRANCE: MAKING FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS WORK OF THE
SEABEDS COMMITTEE, FRANCE DELIVERED A STATEMENT WHICH ENDORSED THE
APPROACH IN THE 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.
ADDITIONALLY, THEY OFFERED A DEFINITION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BASED
ON A TIME FACTOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION
BEYOND AREAS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION. THEY CALLED FOR FREEDOM TO
CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND REFERRED TO THE 1973 ICSU RESOLUTION.
ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, FRANCE ENDORSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
REGIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTERS AND A STUDY BY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

11. DENMARK: IN A SHORT STATEMENT, DENMARK ENDORSED THE 1958 CONVENTION BUT STATED THAT CONSENT ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF SHOULD NOT BE DENIED IF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS WERE MET.

12. GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC: IN A STATEMENT NOTABLE FOR THE ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO RESEARCH CONDUCTED WITHIN AREAS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION, THE GDR STRESSED NEED FOR COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS AND AN INCREASED ROLE FOR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UN IN SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES. STATING THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BECOME AN ORGAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY THE GDR
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PROPOSED THAT LDCS BE BROUGHT INTO THE PLANNING OF ALL RESEARC ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA. IN ADDITION, THEY PROPOSED THE SETTING UP OF A POOL OF INTERNATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC TECHNICIANS TO ASSIST LDCS.
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